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1. ON APRIL 5, MFA CYPRUS/GREEK DIRGEN TULUMEN GAVE US
FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED STEPS IN
PRESENTING TURKISH PROPOSALS AND GETTING CYPRUS TALKS STARTED:

A. AFTER LAST WEEK'S CHRISTOPHER MISSION, THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO MAKE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
CYPRUS CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS (AND, HE HINTED, IN THE
TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AS WELL). THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSOR
SOYSAL'S VISIT TO CYPRUS (REFTEL) IS TO SEEK DENKTASH'S
APPROVAL OF THESE PROPOSALS.

B. PROBABLY LATER ON APRIL 5, THE MFA WILL SEND A
CABLE TO THEIR UN PERMREP, TURKMEN, INSTRUCTING HIM TO
SEEK A DATE ON WHICH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS COULD GIVE
WALDHEIM THE GIST OF THEIR PROPOSALS. WALDHEIM IS TRAVELING
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IN EUROPE AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO NEW YORK BEFORE
MID-APRIL.

C. WHEN WALDHEIM IS READY TO BE BRIEFED, THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE, FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
NECATI MUNIR ERTEGUN, ACCOMPANIED BY PROFESSOR SOYSAL IN
HIS CAPACITY AS CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISOR, WIL

TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO MEET WITH WALDHEIM.

D. WALDHEIM WILL BE GIVEN BOTH A WRITTEN STATEMENT ABOUT THE PROPOSALS AND AN ORAL BRIEFING. HIS QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED IN FULL. HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT BE GIVEN THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSALS THEMSELVES.

E. THE GOT THEN EXPECTS WALDHEIM TO SET A DATE FOR RESUMING THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS AND TO INVITE BOTH SIDES TO PARTICIPATE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WALDHEIM WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER A BASIS FOR TALKS EXISTS, TULUMEN SAID THAT THE GOT WAS ADAMANT AGAINST ALLOWING ANY POSSIBILITY THAT WALDHEIM WOULD BECOME AN ARBITRATOR--IE, COULD SEND THE TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE GREEK-CYPRIOT DEMANDS IN A PERHAPS ENDLESS PROCESS. THEREFORE, THE TURKISH SIDE EXPECTS WALDHEIM SIMPLY TO CONVENE THE TALKS.

F. PROBABLY A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED BETWEEN THE TIME ON WHICH WALDHEIM IS BRIEFED AND THE DATE ON WHICH TALKS COULD BE RESUMED. ACCORDINGLY, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE TALKS COULD BEGIN BEFORE MAY 1.

G. THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE "VERY GOOD." ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY HAVE BEEN SO DESIGNED AS TO ALLOW SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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MARGIN FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. TULUMEN COMMENTED THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS COULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED IN MARCH BUT WERE DELAYED BECAUSE OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S RESENTMENT OF THE US ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION. HOWEVER, ECEVIT WAS EXTREMELY GRATIFIED BY THE CHRISTOPHER MISSION AND, IN TULUMEN'S OPINION, IS TRYING TO RESPOND TO THE US ADMINISTRATION'S TRUST. SPIERS

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